

*"We make war that we may live in peace." - Aristotle*

### **Series Recap:**

The book of Joshua is a divine call to courage by seeing God's faithfulness as He grows His kingdom through His people.

The Kingdom of God is the reign of Christ the King in the lives of His kingdom people which grows extensively (broader) and intensively (deeper). - Randy Pope

Courage from above leads to faith.

God's people do need more leaders worth following.

Faith comes by hearing.

We must ask, "God, are we on Your side?"

The weapon of our faith is worship.

### **Book of Joshua Outline**

- Prologue - calling of Joshua (ch 1)
- Entering the land (ch 2-5)
- Taking the land (ch 6-12)
- Dividing the land (ch 13-21)
- Epilogue - farewell of Joshua (ch 22-24)

**Haste leads to waste.**

**Prayer leads to progress.**

Joshua 9

### **Deception (9:1-13)**

- Alliance of Opposition (9:1-2)
- Gibeon's Performance (9:3-13)

### **Covenant of Peace (9:14-15)**

*"It's only those who do nothing that make no mistakes." - Joseph Conrad*

### **Decision (9:16-27)**

- Investigation (9:16-21)
- Confrontation (9:22-25)
- Implementation (9:26-27)

### **Fight for Peace (10:1-14)**

- Alliance of Opposition (10:1-5)
- Gibeon's Request (10:6)
- God's Provision (10:7-15)

For each sermon in this series ask yourself these three questions:

1. Is there a command for me to obey?
2. Is there an example for me to follow?
3. Is there a principle for me to apply?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do you know when someone is telling the truth or lying? What are some takeaways from how Joshua dealt with the deception?
2. Share a time you prayed for God's direction, but you didn't wait long enough for the answer. Was there a time when you prayed and changed your mind after praying?
3. What are some examples of times Christians should keep their word (honor the agreement) even when it hurts vs. times when it might be best to not keep your word (honor the agreement).
4. In Joshua 9-10:15, was there a command for you to obey, an example to follow, or a principle to apply?